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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: GOC FOREIGN MINISTER COMPLAINS OF ECEVIT/GUNES VISITS

1. TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY HAS MADE MUCH OF IMPENDING BAYRAM VISITS HERE BY FORMER PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT AND GUNES.

2. ON DECEMBER 20, GOC FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES TELEPHONED ME TO EXPRESS CONCERN THAT EUPHORIA OF TURKISH CYPRIOTS AND REACTIVE BITTERNESS AMONG GREEKS WOULD JEOPARDIZE FUTURE OF THE CLERIDES-DENKTASH TALKS ON WHICH EVERYONE RELYING FOR A SOLUTION. CHRISTOPHIDES SUGGESTED USG CONSIDER INTERCEDING WITH GOT TO PREVENT VISITS.

3. I REPLIED THAT THIS OUT OF THE QUESTION. ECEVIT, PRESUMABLY AS A FUNCTION OF POLITICAL MANEUVERING IN TURKEY, ALREADY COMMITTED. NEITHER HE NOR GOT WOULD PAY ANY ATTENTION TO OUTSIDE SUGGESTION IN THIS RESPECT.

4. I TOLD CHRISTOPHIDES THAT I SHARED HIS BELIEF ECEVIT/GUNES VISITS WOULD STIR THINGS UP UNHELPFULLY. BEST WAY, IN MY OPINION, OF RIDING OUT THE FRICTION WOULD BE A GOOD SOLID ANNOUNCEMENT BY CLERIDES AND DENKTASH, FOLLOWING DEC 20 MEETING, OF THEIR INTENTION MOVE QUICKLY ON NEGOTIATION OF ALL SUBJECTS FOLLOWING COMING HOLIDAYS.

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5. CHRISTOPHIDES EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING BUT ASKED THAT HIS

VIEW BE PASSED TO DEPARTMENT.
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